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PINKHAM POPS UP.

The Advertiser's guess that Mr. Pinkham was concealed in the shrubbery behind the milk trust's scheme to suppress the small dairyman, was a good one. Last night, in a letter to the Bulletin, Mr. Pinkham not only showed his disappointment over the fate of the Hayseiden cement floor measure, but he fathered the amended license scheme, though reducing the figures from the original \$100 basis, in deference to an aroused public sentiment, to a sum more within reason. He feels that half a loaf is better than no bread.

It has almost got to be a proverb that if you smoke out a trust in these islands, the first man to be dislodged from its privacy is Pinkham. When the Advertiser got after the plumbers' trust Pinkham was the first man who crawled out of concealment. When it penetrated the conspiracy against the small farmer, lo and behold! there was Pinkham in the midst of it. And now when it gets to the bottom of the milk trust's scheme against the small dairyman, who but Pinkham turns up, in the guise of a disinterested sanitary expert—Heaven save the mark!—demanding that the trust shall have its way. It must be hard, indeed, for a trust to start in Hawaii and keep Pinkham at arm's length. He pants for such a connection as the hart does for the water brooks.

Much is said by Pinkham and others who want to concentrate the milk business in the corporate hands of the Dairymen's Association about the need of stricter rules to protect consumers from bad milk. As a paper which has exposed the dealers in adulterated milk over and over again, the Advertiser does not need to say where it stands for sanitation. But it insists that to attempt to suppress the small dairyman is not sanitation, but greed; and that the little fellow, as a rule, is far less open to criticism on sanitary lines than the big one. Everything that Pinkham pretends to argue for, at increased expense to the taxpayers, of course, may be reached without a dollar's extra cost by a simple amendment to the health laws. Let the present milk inspector be empowered, when he finds adulterated or impure milk, to pour it into the street, and the whole question will be settled just as it was in San Francisco. There is no surer guarantee of good milk than the certainty that the man who sells bad milk will lose his stock in trade.

SUPPRESS THE USURERS.

The Legislature will be asked by the Attorney General to follow the customary example of the States of the Union and of most civilized countries and pass a law for the suppression of usury. Here in Hawaii the abuse of ten per cent a month, compounded monthly, has worked a serious injury to natives and other people of small means. In many cases policemen, official clerks, etc., are so seriously involved with the Shylocks, having borrowed small sums, the interest of which has doubled and trebled the debt, as to be in a state of virtual slavery. Some of them now get a bare living from their salaries, the usurers taking the rest. Elsewhere, all over the civilized world, a similar state of things once existed; but humane legislation put an end to it. Hawaii is one of the few places left where the ancient abuse continues.

What the Legislature should do is to enact the New York or Massachusetts law against usury or some measure combining the best features of the best laws, which the Attorney General may submit, and after that, if the present pawn-broking law is not well-drawn, to improve it or replace it, as may seem best. Pawnbroking is a necessity in a place like this, and being a public line of business, under official oversight, it cannot practice usury undiscovered. It may charge no more than the legal rate of interest, whatever that may be, and must deal honestly with its clients or lose its license. For lack of a pawn-broking shop, hard-pressed people in Honolulu are driven into the hands of the Shylocks and have great trouble in getting out. There is no higher legislative duty, except to be honest, than to protect the people from having their misfortunes taken advantage of in this way. A usurer should be treated, here as elsewhere, as a public enemy.

High English authority states that if Russia had put herself into a position to dictate peace in this war, she would have demanded the cession of Yezo and Kishu and transformed the Sea of Japan into a Russian lake. This process would have transferred the northern and southern islands of Japan to Russia and left Nippon in between with nothing to do but to take orders from St. Petersburg and obey them.

Do you want your taxes doubled next year? Do you feel that you are not paying enough? If so see your Representative and urge him to vote for a county law.

MRS. STANFORD'S DEATH.

The sudden death of Mrs. Jane L. Stanford at her hotel last night will send a shock around the world. It is particularly shocking because of the mysterious circumstances that surround the sad event, changing what should be the natural course of things have been the sweet and peaceful passing of one full of years and honors into a gruesome tragedy.

It is to be hoped that thorough investigation will establish that Mrs. Stanford was not the victim of a poisoner, but there must be the most complete investigation. That Mrs. Stanford came to Honolulu under the apprehension of death by poison, there can be no manner of doubt. She said as much herself to a lady resident here who had known her for many years, and who was upon terms of intimate friendship with her. An attempt upon her life, Mrs. Stanford said, had been made in San Francisco. The tale is so shocking as to be almost past belief. What wretch could be so base as to wish harm to this lovely and lovable woman, grown old in good work for humanity, this woman whose last days were marked by the completion of a great work for the future of the race?

And yet, there is the story told by Mrs. Stanford herself. It has never been anywhere intimated that her mind was failing. She was not enfeebled by age, and by all natural law should have had some years of useful life before her.

It is a sad, a most deplorably sad termination that has come to her days. To the officials of Hawaii falls the task of clearing away from her last hours the shadow of mystery that hangs about the tragedy.

COMMISSIONERS ARE GRILLED BY COMMITTEE

The Joint Committee on Counties came together in the hall of the Lower House at a quarter to eight last night with Senators Woods, Dowsett and Hayseiden absent. In accordance with a request by the Committee the County Act Commission was represented by Cooper, Fernandez, Crabbe and Stewart. The committee wanted to know why a lot of things had been done and the Commissioners were given an opportunity to explain.

Rep. Carl Smith was most prolific of questions. He wanted to know why the Commission had put each of the counties under the special protection of a Circuit Court. Chairman Cooper ventured several explanations which did not seem to satisfy the members of the Committee who deferred consideration of the questions involved till a later date.

Mr. Cooper was asked as to his view on the legality of electing supervisors, to which he answered that when he was employed as attorney to defeat the old County Act he believed that the Organic Act required the appointment of such officers by the Governor, but on further reading and study he came to a different conclusion and that his final view was that they could be elected.

The Committee proceeded with the work of making minor changes so as to conform to the change brought about by making Hawaii into two counties. At nine o'clock some of the members wanted to adjourn but a majority wanted to go on with the work. A half hour later the Committee adjourned to meet tonight at half past seven.

CRATER OF KILAUEA CONTINUES IN ERUPTION

HILO, Feb. 28.—To Wilder's Steamship Co., Honolulu: Kilauea continues active. A party returning from crater at 1 o'clock this a. m. report that a large part of the flow is incandescent, but is at present without fountains or explosions. The pit is full of smoke. McKAY.

MRS. JANE STANFORD DIES

(Continued from page 1.)

That Mrs. Stanford feared death by poisoning, was learned positively last night. It was because of this fear that she came to Honolulu. Mrs. Stanford said as much herself in the course of a conversation with Mrs. Henry E. Highton, an old and very intimate friend, within a few days of her arrival here.

"The reason I left San Francisco," Mrs. Stanford said to Mrs. Highton, "was because an attempt had been made upon my life. There was enough poison used then to kill twenty people, and an investigation of the facts is now being made in San Francisco."

"Mrs. Stanford seemed very greatly affected when she was telling me this," said Mrs. Highton last night, "and I sought to disabuse her mind of the idea. In fact, I feared that it might be due to a delusion, but she talked so rationally that I could hardly hold that belief. But I was very uneasy, and I wrote to mutual friends in San Francisco about the matter."

"She told me that she feared the persons who were attempting to poison her were members of her own household. But she mentioned no names."

The woman who accompanied her to Honolulu sat on the porch with us and heard the conversation. But I cannot recall her name. We had been talking of spiritualism. And as I say, I sought to disabuse Mrs. Stanford's mind of the idea that seemed to possess it."

Mrs. Stanford, at the time of her death, was in her 77th year, and had been in Honolulu since February 21st. She was accompanied on her arrival here by her secretary, Miss Burner, and by a maid who is known as May. Both women were completely prostrated by the suddenness of last night's tragedy.

Mrs. Stanford had made numerous visits to Honolulu, and always enjoyed the sea trip and the island climate. She was here in April, 1902, when the students gave her a reception at the Moana. She visited the islands again in August, 1903, and in April, 1904, stopped on her way home from a tour of the Orient.

Deputy Sheriff Rawlins was at the Moana very shortly after midnight, and made a close examination of the room and the body of Mrs. Stanford. He also summoned a coroner's jury from among the guests of the hotel, and declared his purpose to have a post mortem held early today.

"I found nothing wrong in Mrs. Stanford's room," said the Deputy. "But there was a bottle of bi-carbonate of soda, which Dr. Humphris took up town with him, and which I am told did the work. Mrs. Stanford took a dose of that medicine tonight upon retiring. The bottle was purchased in San Francisco, and some part of its contents had been taken out. But it had not been touched, before tonight, since leaving the coast. That bottle, I am told by people here at the hotel, had strychnine mixed with the soda. I can say nothing positively as to this until I see Dr. Humphris."

"I have questioned her secretary, Miss Burner, a middle aged woman who has been with Mrs. Stanford for twenty years, and the maid, May, a woman of about 20, but can get no coherent statement from either of them. They are completely prostrated by the shock."

Thus strangely, far from the graves of those two who have been to her all the world, Mrs. Stanford passes to her long rest. Long ago, in that fertile plain of Central New York, that has been prolific of great men and women, this woman who has been great in so many ways gave her life into the keeping of Leland Stanford. He was a country merchant, nothing more. No man then could have foreseen that he was to be one of the bold spirits who would bind together the opposite sides of a continent, that he would become great in affairs; that his administrative ability would guide a vast enterprise through feebleness to the magnificence of a great success.

Yet all these things Leland Stanford, President of the Southern Pacific, Governor, Senator, multi-millionaire, founder of one of the great universities of America did. He was the best loved and the best hated man of his day.

And through it all, in his humble days and his great, when he was a storekeeper in Sacramento, and when he stood beside the nation's greatest men as their peer, this woman of his youthful love stood beside him, a fitting helpmeet. She kept her own house at Sacramento as fittingly as she presided in the palace that the wealth of later years reared for her on the crown of Nob Hill.

And, when the university that is the most lasting Stanford monument was founded, Leland Stanford associated his wife with himself as his full equal in its administration during his lifetime—and left the task for her completion after he died, with full faith that the trust would be faithfully carried out. For he had learned to know her through the years.

It is only recently that this task has been, in effect, completed. On November 9, 1901, Mrs. Stanford signed the two deeds that turned over to Leland Stanford, Jr., University bonds, realty and stocks of the estimated value of \$28,000,000. This transfer was accepted by the trustees of the university and, while it was distinctly understood that Mrs. Stanford did not thus relinquish her voice of control in the management of the institution, it was still plainly understood that it was a preparatory step to the end.

The original grant to the university embraced three great ranches at Palo Alto, Vina and Gridley. Following the panic of 1893 and the tying up of the estate in the probate court, Mrs. Stanford had a very severe struggle to keep the university on its feet. She said, once, of that trying time:

"I prayed to God for guidance every day, and I know He gave me light to guide my feet."

How much of her fortune Mrs. Stanford reserved for her own use at the time of making this record deed of gift is not known, but there can be small doubt that it was her intention, as it was known to be Senator Stanford's, to leave all her wealth to the university.

Leland Stanford, Jr., University was founded in 1887 by Senator and Mrs. Stanford as a memorial to their only son, who died in early youth. Its doors were opened in 1891, and it has risen to the rank of one of the greatest universities in the United States.

Planter Kunst Is Here for a While.

G. Kunst, the wealthy German planter, with residences in Honolulu, Apia, German Samoa, arrived yesterday on the Sierra from Samoa and will live at Waikiki for the next three months, when he will leave for Germany to remain six or seven months.

Mr. Kunst said yesterday that Samoa looked well, that rain had been sufficient for the raising of all products of the soil, and that everything there seemed to be thriving.

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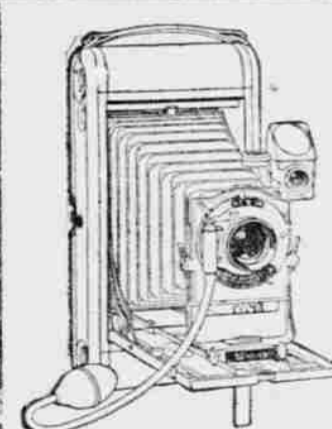
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